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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated  
September 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent  
application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) Ball-and-socket joint as claimed in claim  
24, characterized in that the flange (4.2) protrudes at an  
approximately 90° angle from the cylindrical center part (4.1)  
of the metal ring (4).

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